

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application No.: 10/675,223

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Examiner: H.Q. Nguyen

Title:

SIDE LOADING WIRE TORQUING DEVICE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/ PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

July 17, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. <u>Amendment Transmittal</u>

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application, including a full set of replacement drawings.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims		Highest						
	Remaining		Number						
	After		Previously		Present				Additional
	Amendment		Paid For		Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims	20	_	20	=	0	X	50	=	0
Independent Claims	5	-	5	=	0	X	200	=	0
	TOTAL								\$0

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 4, 2006, set to expire on July 4, 2006, be extended by 1 month, to expire on August 4, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$120.

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C. <u>Fees Enclosed</u>

Enclosed is our Check No. 171430 in the amount of \$120 to cover the request for extension of time.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first-class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

Date

July 17, 2006

Jamela & Seuker

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